

and about twenty officers from the army headquarters in Washington, as well as several naval officers, who came down from Washington this morning.

Under the arrangements the morning before the explosion, the big gun was fired simultaneously at 10:30 o'clock at two large, moving targets, towed about in Chesapeake Bay by tugs, and the guns were to be charged with the full "service charge of powder"—about 500 pounds of the smokeless powder.

The gun crew from the Sixty-ninth Company, in charge of Sergeant Hess, left the company's quarters at 10 o'clock and were ordered to command Battery De Russy, which is about three miles before the regular fortifications, about 11 o'clock the command to "fire" was sent to each battery, and soon the big guns were peeling forth tremendous spouts of smoke, and the vicinity here was being shaken by the jar of the heavy firing.

With Suddenness of Lightning.

Almost with the suddenness of lightning the firing stopped, and things became still at Battery De Russy. The army officers at once recognized that something had gone wrong, and an investigation was ordered. It was but the question of a few minutes before the distressing news reached Colonel Townsley that ten of his men were dead and that eight others were injured by the blowing out of the gun breech in Battery De Russy. This ended the target practice, and the occasion which had been cooked upon one of great results to the army, had become one of the deepest mourning to Fort Monroe and, for that matter, the army in general. Eighteen of the trusted gunners had either suffered death or were rendered incapable for further service on the big guns.

Hurriedly going to the saddened and still battery, Colonel Townsley and the visiting officers saw a sight that will linger with them for years. Blood and portions of bodies were strewn along the beach and battery, while heaped in a pile were five bodies, and just a little further down lay the eight wounded men. One body had been blown into Chesapeake Bay, while the gun breech, too, now rests under the waters of the historic Hampton Roads.

Caring for Injured.

Orders were given for the hospital corps to make double quick time to the battery, and the work of caring for the injured was soon under way. In fact, the promptness of the army officers in caring for the wounded won the admiration of the crowd that soon gathered around the Old Point reservation.

Colonel Townsley then went to headquarters at the fort, where he gave an interview to the newspaper men. Colonel Townsley said that the cause of the accident was likely due to the failure of the soldier to close the gun breech, although the exact cause may never be known. He was soon getting the names of the dead and wounded and also the places of residence of each. Later he gave this information in as complete form as obtainable to the reporters, and he further gave the newspaper men as much assistance in finding the cause of the terrible calamity as he could.

While Colonel Townsley was holding his interview in the headquarters, over at the hospital scenes of the most distressing nature were being enacted. Friends and relatives of the dead soldiers were seeking information concerning their loved ones, and when told that death had claimed them, the sobs of the women were heartrending.

Board of Investigation.

Colonel Townsley named a board of investigation, consisting of Major John L. Haden, Major W. E. Smith and Captain Harrison Hall, to make an official investigation into the circumstances surrounding the accident, and this board went to work on its labors within thirty minutes following the explosion. The official report will be made to Washington as soon as the board completes its labors.

Lieutenant Van Deusen, who has his arm and leg broken, came to Fort Monroe only two weeks ago. He is a graduate of West Point. He was acting as timekeeper for the gun detachment of the Sixty-ninth.

Sergeant Hess had lived at Phoebus for a number of years and had been in the army more than twenty years. He was recognized as one of the best non-commissioned officers at the fort.

The bodies of the dead artillerymen were turned over to the fort undertaker, who is putting the mangled remains together, and they will be held until their relatives can be communicated with.

Flags at Half-Mast.

The flags at the reservation were put at half-mast shortly after the explosion, and the entire reservation changed from one of gaiety to one of deep gloom and mourning.

The distinguished army and navy officers went to the Hotel Chamberlin, where they spent a quiet day, and to-night they returned to Washington. This is the first accident of any serious nature to happen at Fort Monroe in fifty years. While a man is killed now and then on the reservation, there has never before been a calamity in which so great a number of artillerymen perished as the one to-day.

Washington, D. C., July 21.—Lieutenant George L. Van Deusen, who was injured at Fort Monroe, was appointed to the artillery less than a week ago. He formerly had been an officer in the Eighteenth Infantry, but resigned and was reappointed to the army from civil life.

On the afternoon of any report from an official investigation, the officers of the Coast Artillery can only compare the explosion to some similar ones which have occurred in the navy. The majority, however, appear to believe that the explosion was caused by carbon monoxide, a highly inflammable gas, which forms in the barrels of large guns and which is especially dangerous during rapid firing.

The gun crew at Fort Monroe was trying to make a rapid fire record. The theory is that the new charge of powder was hurried into the breech before the gas generated by the previous shot had time to dissipate, and before the breech could be closed the powder exploded, blowing off the block and carrying death with it.

There have been five gun accidents in the navy which may be compared to it. In chronological order they were: On the Massachusetts, when a primer exploded prematurely; on the Missouri, when a flareback occurred;



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A gun has been developed in the navy which automatically clears its barrel of monoxide as the breech is opened. No such arrangement was on the coast defense guns at Fort Monroe.

Many officers of the army and navy staff had gone here to be present at the target practice.

Major-General Leonard Wood, the new chief of staff of the army, was expected to go direct from New York to Norfolk, but at the last moment changed his plans and returned to Washington. He had just reached his desk when news of the disaster reached Washington. He directed an immediate inquiry, and the War Office was soon getting the details from Fort Monroe over the long distance telephone.

A board of officers to investigate the accident was immediately ordered, and began its work at once.

PROF. A. C. MCINTOSH GOES TO UNIVERSITY.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Raleigh, N. C., July 21.—Professor A. C. McIntosh, assistant professor of law at Trinity College, has been elected to a law professorship at the University of North Carolina to succeed Dr. Thomas Ruffin. The executive committee of the board of trustees of the university met in the office of Governor Kitchen this afternoon and took this action. Professor McIntosh is a graduate of Davidson College and has attracted wide attention and high commendation among lawyers.

FOUR CHILDREN PERISH

They Are Caught in Flames When Barn Burns.

Bradford, Pa., July 21.—In a burning hay barn four children perished on the farm of John Adams at Bassels, south of here, yesterday. Several others had narrow escapes. Three of the four victims were sons of Farmer Adams, John, Jr., aged twelve; Michael, aged nine; and Joseph, five years old. The fourth was a neighbor's boy, Michael Bosik, aged ten.

Adams and his son, George, were painfully burned in an effort to rescue the children. A load of hay had just been brought into the big barn where the children were playing. They pitched to and helped to unload, and the rack was nearly emptied, onto the threshing floor, when the children's playful work turned into panic at the discovery of fire. The flames spread wildly throughout the barn, and the youngsters scrambled for the chutes into the stables below. Four of the boys, however, were caught. Their charred bodies were found in the ruins to-night.



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SOME ROUGH HOUSE WHEN JOHN CHAPMAN GOT BUSY

The love that turns to hate and makes gangrenous the rest of a hitherto joyous romance and existence raged and roared about the scale house last night, and caused nailed bootheels and hurtling bricks to fall with awful force into the beaming countenance of Jonathan Burwell, who had just begun to enjoy the true romance of a sentimental soul.

For months without number and with joy untold John Chapman, a worthy carrier of bricks and mortar and intermittent worshiper of the great god Bacchus, has held the high cards in and the struggle-hold on the affections of Mary Banks. In Seventeenth Street the dusky Mary is reckoned as a promising candidate for honors in the jaundiced Venus class. With a true hand for the sleep-dispensing punch, and a sure eye for the singing brick, John Chapman eased his profile into the most promising position on Mary's chiffonier, and it seemed a lost game to the other aspirants for honors.

That was until last night. Then John, sure of his reception and longing for the loving glances of his innamorate, wended his way to the turretted castle of his affection.

Light-heartedly he sang of the love that filled his manly bosom, and the sound of his warbling awakened the early members of the alley surmamed the Scale House.

Then came the shock. From the vine-clad portico beneath the shades of which he was wont to murmur sweet thoughts that wandered through his brain to the saffron face half hid by shades of leaves, came a rumbling basso profundo. John Chapman stopped at the gate and listened. Again from the swaying leaves he heard the rumble and then a sibilant something which froze the blood in his veins and brought the lust to kill to the roof of his mouth. Then he saw.

For a full minute John Chapman was frozen, and then the fires of honest rage brought red before his eyes. He bellowed like the animal that made Basan famous as a battling ground, and before those sweet voiced sweet hearts knew what had happened he had started something which will not end until John Chapman gazes mournfully from behind the chilled steel bars.

By way of remark he slipped the Saffron Queen a handful of knuckles, and then he made a few satiric remarks to the one who had accepted the place he was wont to fill. The shade of Jason turned twice in his Hadesian berth as the battle commenced, and the ghost of Caesar smiled approval before it ended. That wrecker of John's happiness was used as the target for punches such as Jack Johnson might envy. He received blows that Jeffries would not j. and as a final pirouette John Chapman danced the can-can and the dusky visage of John Burwell was the ball room floor.

The startled shrieks of a resuscitated female brought the East End police force on the hurry jump, for the home of the Saffron Queen and John was performed made a guest of the city. Before he entered the wagon, however, he took one long and lingering look at the ambulance porters patching the wreck of Burwell's beauty, and with the air of a Calus Marius being recalled from his conquest of Carthage he said, "L.L.—Lead me to my prison cell, where I may think sweet thoughts with none to disturb me."

THE WEATHER.

Forecast: For Virginia—Fair and much warmer weather Friday and Saturday; light variable winds, mostly southeast.

For North Carolina—Partly cloudy with local showers in east portion Friday and probably Saturday; light, variable winds.

CONDITIONS YESTERDAY:

Temperature, 8 A. M.	65
Humidity	88
Wind, direction	Northeast
Force	12
Weather	Partly cloudy
Rainfall	0.00
12 noon temperature	70
2 P. M. temperature	81
Maximum temperature up to 5 P. M.	81
Minimum temperature up to 5 P. M.	58
Mean temperature	70
Normal temperature	70
Deficiency in temperature	10
Excess in temperature since March 1	32
Accum. deficiency in temperature since January 1	0.00
Accum. deficiency in rainfall since January 1	7.10

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

Place	Ther. H. T.	P. Cloudy
Albany	72	82
Baltimore	72	82
Boston	72	82
Chicago	72	82
Cincinnati	72	82
Cleveland	72	82
Denver	72	82
Detroit	72	82
Indianapolis	72	82
Kansas City	72	82
Los Angeles	72	82
Memphis	72	82
Minneapolis	72	82
Mobile	72	82
New Orleans	72	82
New York	72	82
Philadelphia	72	82
Pittsburgh	72	82
Portland	72	82
San Francisco	72	82
Seattle	72	82
St. Louis	72	82
St. Paul	72	82
Wash. D. C.	72	82

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WANTS EXPERT TO STUDY OUR TREES

City Engineer Believes Some Insect Is Doing Great Damage.

At a meeting of the Council Committee on Grounds and Buildings last night, City Engineer Bolling said that he had written to an expert in the employ of the United States government asking him to inspect leaves taken from trees in the streets of Richmond and ascertain what causes them to shrivel and die.

It was explained by Mr. Bolling that there are three kinds of maple in the streets and parks of the city. He said that the leaves are shriveling, and he is afraid that some insect is attacking the branches and leaves. He told the committee that unless something is done to relieve the trouble he fears that the serious consequences may result. The committee instructed him to proceed with his investigation. The brown tail moth has been mentioned heretofore as the offender.

The American Cabinet Manufacturing Company (Inc.), of Washington, D. C., has requested the city through the Grounds and Buildings Committee, to sell the property upon which is located the plant. The city of Manchester leased the property to the manufacturing company. The concern now desires to sell the property.

The City Attorney was instructed to find out what equity the city of Richmond has in the property and report at an early date.

STABBED IN SCUFFLE

William Hope Drives Long Blade of Pocket-Knife Into James Jackson's Back.

James Jackson, colored, was stabbed in the back with a long blade of a pocket-knife in old Jackson Ward in a street scuffle with William Hope, also colored. Hope escaped after the stabbing, but he is known to the police, and it is believed that he will be arrested shortly. Jackson was taken to the City Home, where his wounds were attended to.

The men had words over some trivial matters, and before matters could be adjusted came to a lynch. Then Hope drew a long-lashed jockey-knife and drove it deep into Jackson's back. The wound, while it resulted in much loss of blood and is very painful, is not dangerous, and it is expected that the wounded man will recover within a short while.

E. G. Rodgers Stricken.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Cartersville, Va., July 21.—E. G. Rodgers, of Augusta, Ga., who is visiting his brother-in-law, B. W. Palmer, here, suffered a severe stroke of paralysis

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last night just as he was retiring for the night. The whole of his right side is affected, and he has been in a state of coma all day. This is the second stroke of paralysis he has had, and his condition is thought to be critical.

Mr. Rodgers, accompanied by his wife, came here about one week ago to spend a few weeks with his wife's brother, B. W. Palmer, and sister, Mrs. John H. Irving. He is one of the oldest citizens of Augusta and has led a very active life, but retired a few years ago because of ill health.

Blinded Tiger Nailed.

Kate Hardy (colored), charged with selling whiskey without a license, was arrested last night and taken to the First Police Station, where she was locked up for her appearance before Police Court this morning. The police caught the woman red handed dispensing grog in her home, 4 Peg Street.

Sold to Chicago.

Wichita, Kan., July 21.—It was announced here to-day that "Jack" Holland, owner of the St. Joseph Baseball Club, has sold Outfielder "Tex" Jones and Shortstop Roy Corhan to the Chicago American League Club for \$5,000. The terms are \$4,000 and four Class A ball players, worth at least \$1,000 each. Jones and Corhan will remain with St. Joseph this season.

STORMY AND BITTER IS THIS CONVENTION

Pandemonium Reigns and for Hours Two Chairmen Try to Take Control, While Police Seek to Restore Order.

Wrightsville Beach, N. C., July 22.—Oscar L. Clark, of Bladen, was nominated on the forty-fourth ballot at 11:15 o'clock this morning.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Wrightsville Beach, N. C., July 21.—The stormiest, most bitter Democratic convention ever held in North Carolina was held here to-night in the Sixth District. The convention is to either renominate the present representative, Hannibal L. Godwin, or a successor, four candidates being in the race against him: Herbert McManamy, of Wilmington; Henry Lilly Cook, of Fayetteville; A. J. McKinnon, of Maxton, and O. L. Clark, of Clarkton.

The campaign leading up to the convention was especially bitter, and it culminated furiously to-day when the Godwin forces attempted to disqualify opposing delegates, and the temporary chairman, a Godwin man, tried to rule out delegates without referring the protests to a credential committee. Pandemonium ensued. Yells, cat calls and one rough and ready man were indulged in as the chairman refused to allow an appeal.

The other candidates then got together and attempted to depose the Godwin chairman. They elected another chairman, and from noon until 1:15 o'clock fought two chairmen attempted to rule, and cheers and jeers split the air.

By shrewd manoeuvring and the aid of police to preserve order, the anti-Godwin men prevailed at 7:45 o'clock, and nominating speeches were called for.

Godwin's campaign manager refused to allow his man's name to be presented to the convention, but the names of all other candidates were presented and the first ballot called for. Harnett county, Godwin's home county, refused to vote and came over to the Godwin side. The other counties refused also to vote, declaring they would not recognize ex-Congressman Gilbert B. Patterson, of Maxton, as a permanent chairman. But Godwin was given his full strength from every county. This ballot placed Godwin in eleven votes of the total of 115, but his lead is arrayed bitter and solidly against him.

During the nominating speeches, Colonel N. A. McLean characterized the scene as a disgrace to Democracy, and pled for harmony.

At midnight the convention was

OBITUARY

Josephine Williams.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Amherst, Va., July 21.—Josephine Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Williams, and granddaughter of Postmaster James E. Williams, died Wednesday. Her remains were interred in the Amherst Cemetery on Thursday afternoon.

Frank Lee Abbott.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Lynchburg, Va., July 21.—Frank Lee Abbott, aged twenty-seven, son of A. H. Abbott, died this morning at his home at 519 Fifth Street, after a long illness of tuberculosis. The funeral will take place from the home Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

Belle Polkester Leslie.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

South Boston, Va., July 21.—Belle Polkester Leslie, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Leslie, of Houston, died early this morning. The funeral took place from the residence this afternoon.

DEATHS

PETICOLAS.—Entered into rest July 21st, BETTIE LEE, second daughter of Charles L. and the late Anna P. Petticolas, at the residence, 2800 West Grace, at 5 o'clock THIS (Friday) EVENING.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

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